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SUBJ: LOWER HOUSE CANDIDATES: PHUOC TUY

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1. PHUOC TUY'S LOWER HOUSE CANDIDATES NOW NUMBER EIGHT PERSONS. TEACHER PHUNG VAN PHUNG WITHDREW AND TEACHER NGUYEN DUC NAM WAS DISQUALIFIED FOR HAVING PREVIOUS PRISON RECORD.

2. NAMES AND OCCUPATIONS OF ALL PERSONS INITIALLY FILING FROM PHUOC TUY WERE REPORTED REFTEL. FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFOR-

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MATIONHMN THESE REMAINING IN THE RACE:

A. VU KHIEM, B. JUNE 2, 1936, NORTHERN CATHOLIC, PROVINCIAL TRAINING DIRECTOR, FORMER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CHIEF:

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B. HO MANH TRINH, B. SEPTEMBER 2, 1938, NORTHERN CATHOLIC, HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER;

C. TRINH ANH LINH, B. JULY 14, 1931, NORTHERNER, MAJOR ON THE RF-PF STAFF IN III CORPS HEADEQUARTERS, BIEN HOA;

J. NUGYEN HUU HIEN, B. MARCH 11, 1939, NORTHERNER, PROVINCIAL CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY DEPUTY, LAWYER, FORMER PRESIDENT OF PHUOC TUY TRIBUNAL; HIS BROTHER IS THE CURRENT MINISTER OF LABOR, COMPILED EXCELLENT RECORD IN CA;

E. NGUYEN NGOC TRAN, B. AUGUST 20, 1926, LONG AN, A SAIGON OFFICIAL, CANDIDATE
ON SENATE LIST #39;

F. VU DUY TAO, B. OCTOBER 7, 1929, NORTHERN BUDDHIST, LIEUTENANT COLONEL, GRADUATE OF FORT MONMOUTH SIGNAL SCHOOL PRESENT COMMANDER OF THE ARVN SIGNAL SCHOOL AT VUNG TAU;

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G. PHAM HUU DIEP, B. OCTOBER 25, 1909, SAIGON, CAAYOLIC, LANDOWNER;

H. LE QUANG TRUAT, B. OCTOBER 2, 1925, HUE, CATHOLIC, PRESENT RDFBFFICIAL IN GIA DINH, UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE AGAINST HIEU IN LAST YEAR'S CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY RACE.

3. RACE APPEARS TO BE A THREE-WAY BATTLE BETWEEN KHIEM, HIEU, AND TAO. CIVIL SERVANT KHIEM MAY HAVE PRESENT EDGE. HE IS WELL KNOWN IN PHUOC TUY OFFICIAL CIRCLES AND ENJOYS ONE OF THE MOST HONEST REPUTATIONS AMONG PROVINCE OFFICIALS. HIEU IS ALSO WELL KNOWN, BUT HE IS CRITICIZED FOR NOT MAINTAINING CONTACTS WITH HIS CONSTITUENTS. HE PERFORMED ABLY IN THE CA, HOWEVER. KHIEM MAY SUBTRACT SOME OF THE CIVIL SERVANT AND CATHOLIC VOTE FROM HIEU, LEAVING HIM WITH ONLY TAM CHAU BUDDHIST AND CVT SUPPORT. TAO IS A RESPECTED OFFICER WHOSE CHANCES APPEAR SOMEWHAT DIMMED BY THE 29 SEPTEMBER OUSTER OF HIS CLOSE FRIEND, FORMER Pprovince

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CHIEF DAT. TAO, STATIONED IN NEARBY VUNG TAU, HAD COUNTED ON DAT'S SUPPORT. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT DAT'S WIFE IS A CANDIDATE FOR THE VUNG TAU SEAT WHERE SHE OF COURSE CAN COUNT ON HELP FROM TAO.

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